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SOME RARE MUGHAL COINS IN THE STATE MUSEUM, HYDERABAD (DECCAN).

ARCOT

Lat : 12°-55′ Long : 79°-24′

At the meeting of the Numismatic Society held at Banaras in 1928, I exhibited a coin of Farrukhsiyar issued from Aurangabad Mint, dated 1123 A.H. and 7 R.Y. At that time 1123 seemed to be a freak and obviously it is, as Farrukhsiyar ascended the throne in 1124 A.H. and all the coins that have been discovered till now bear the date 1124 or an after date. Consequently all the numismatists reckon his reign from 1124 A.H. About three coins in our cabinets go to prove that coins were struck in the name of Farrukhsiyar at least as early as 1123 A.H., if not 1122 A.H.

History says that in 1123 A.H. Farrukhsiyar had claimed the throne for his father Azimush-shan. But these coins and particularly the coin dated 1123 A.H. and 2 R.Y. suggests that Farrukhsiyar might have claimed the throne for his own self in 1122 A.H.

I am describing here three coins dated 1123 A.H. because one of them bears the date 1 R.Y., the other 2 R.Y. (which suggests that Farrukhsiyar must have claimed the throne in 1122 A.H.). On the last one the R.Y. is cut. But all of them have been struck from different dies. According to Khafi Khan, Farrukhsiyar claimed the throne for his father in 1123 and after his father's death claimed the throne for his own self in the same year. This author says that Farrukhsiyar struck coins in his own name in the same year.

(1) Metal. Silver.
Size. .87″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
(سیر)	مانوس
(و) ق فرخ	میمنت
سکه ز(د)	سنه احد جلوس
(از فضـ) ل برسیم و زر	ضرب
شاه	ار کا (ت)
(باد) بحر و بر ۱۱۲۳	

Pl. II and III, (No. 1).

(2) Metal. Silver.
Size. 1.5″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
	مانوس
حق فرخ سیر	میمنت
سکه زد	سنه ۲ جلوس
از فضل برسیم و زر	ضرب
شاه	ارکات
باد بحر و بر ۱۱۲۳	

Pl. II and III, (No. 2).

(3) Metal. Silver.
Size. .90″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
(حق فرخ سیر)	مانوس
سکه (زد)	(میم) نت
از فضل برسیم و(زر)	(سنه) جلوس
شاه	(ضر) ب
باد بحر و بر ۱۱۲۳	ارکات

Pl. II and III, (No. 3).

UDGIR (A New Mint)

Lat: 18°-25′ Long: 77°-10′

These two coins (Nos. 4 & 5) are from an unpublished mint, called Udgir. One of them is struck in the name of Aurangzeb and the other in the name of Farrukhsiyar. The following is my reading of the coins :—

(4) Metal. Silver.
Size. .95″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
(عالم گیر)	جلوس
اورنگ زیب	میمنت
شاه	(مانوس)
زد چو بدر منیر	سنه ۱۰۹۸
سکه	الظفر
در جهان	دار قلعه اود(گیر)

Pl. II and III, (No. 4).

(5) Metal. Silver.
Size. .91″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
شاه	مانوس
بحرو بر فرخ سیر	میمنت
————	سنه احد جلوس
زد از فضل حق	ضرب
	اودگیر

Pl. II and III, (No. 5)..

On Aurangzeb's coin which is dated 1098 the mint name Udgir is followed by the epithet دارالظفر and قلعه . It may

be noted that after 1097 H.Y. on the coins struck at Bijapur also the mint name is followed by the epithet دارالظفر . On the coin of Farrukhsiyar both the epithets are omitted.

BANKAPUR

Lat: 16°-30′ Long: 75°-18′

Coins of Rafiud-Darajat issued from this mint are known, but no coin has as yet been published which bears the name Shams-ud-Din. The coin described here not only bears this name but also a new legend or couplet which has not been deciphered fully as yet and which is unpublished.

The following is my reading of the coin :—

(6) Metal. Silver.
Size. .80″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
رفیع الدرجات	مانوس
جہا ١١٣١ شمس‌الدین	میمنت
ت	سنه جلوس
ســـــــــــیـد	ضرب
مه خور	بنکاپور

Pl. II and III, (No. 6).

SIRHIND

Lat: 30°-38′ Long: 76°-27′

The earliest published coin in the name of Aurangzeb from this mint is Coin No. 1504 of the Indian Museum Catalogue. It is dated 1103 A.H. (R.B. Whitehead)* The coin described here is dated 1102 A.H. 34 R.Y.

(7) Metal. Silver.
Size. .90″
Weight. 189 Grains.

*Introduction to Punjab Museum Catalogue, p. 81.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
عالم گیر	مانوس
۱۱۰۲	میمنت
اورنگ زیب	۳۴
شاه	سنه جلوس
زد چو بدر منیر	ضرب
سـکـه	سهرند
(درجهان)	

Pl. II and III, (No. 7).

SIKAKUL

Lat: 18°-17′ Long: 83°-55′

Till now the mint Sikakul is represented only by two Emperors, Farrukhsiyar and Ahmad Shah. The Hyderabad Museum Cabinets contain coins of Aurangzeb and Jahandar Shah, one each of 1100 A.H., 36 R.Y. (Sic) and Hijri Year cut, and احد R.Y., respectively. The couplet on Jahandar Shah's coin (yet to be deciphered in full) is new. The following is my reading of the Coins :—

(8) Metal. Silver.
Size. .99″
Weight. 182 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
عالم گیر	جلوس
۱۱۰۰	میمنت
اورنگ زیب	مانوس سنه ۳۶
شاه	(ضر) ب
زد چو بدر منیر	سیکاکل
سکه	
(درجهان)	

Pl. II. and III, (No. 8).

(9) Metal. Silver.
Size. .90″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
چو صاحبقران	مانوس
شـــا(ه)	میمنت
جهاندار شد باد	سنه احد جلوس
ســکه (زر)	ضرب
جهان (در)	سیکا کل

Pl. II and III, (No. 9).

MUMBAI

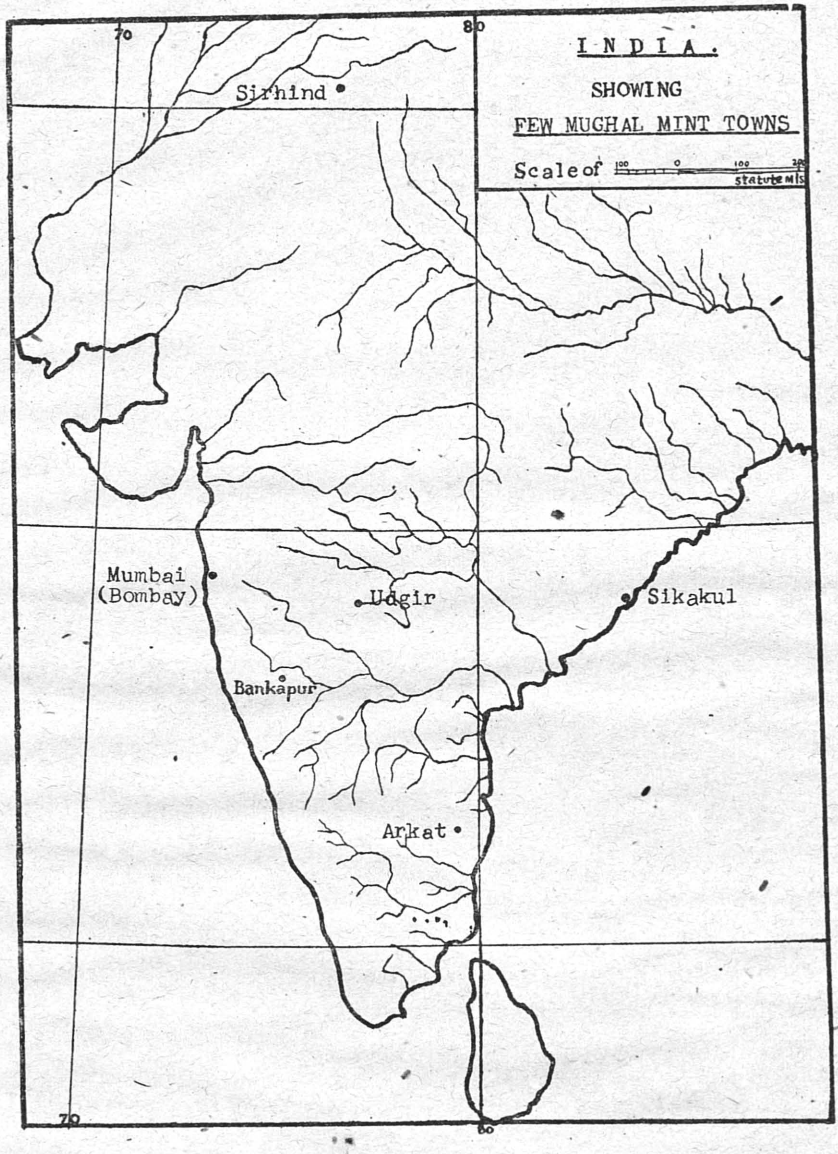
Lat: 18°-55′ Long: 72°-54′

According to Mr. Whitehead, the earliest known issues from this mint are Rupees of Farrukhsiyar (see Introduction to Punjab Museum Catalogue, page 110). Our cabinet contains a unique coin issued from this mint by Farrukhsiyar's predecessor Jahandar Shah. The following is my reading of it :—

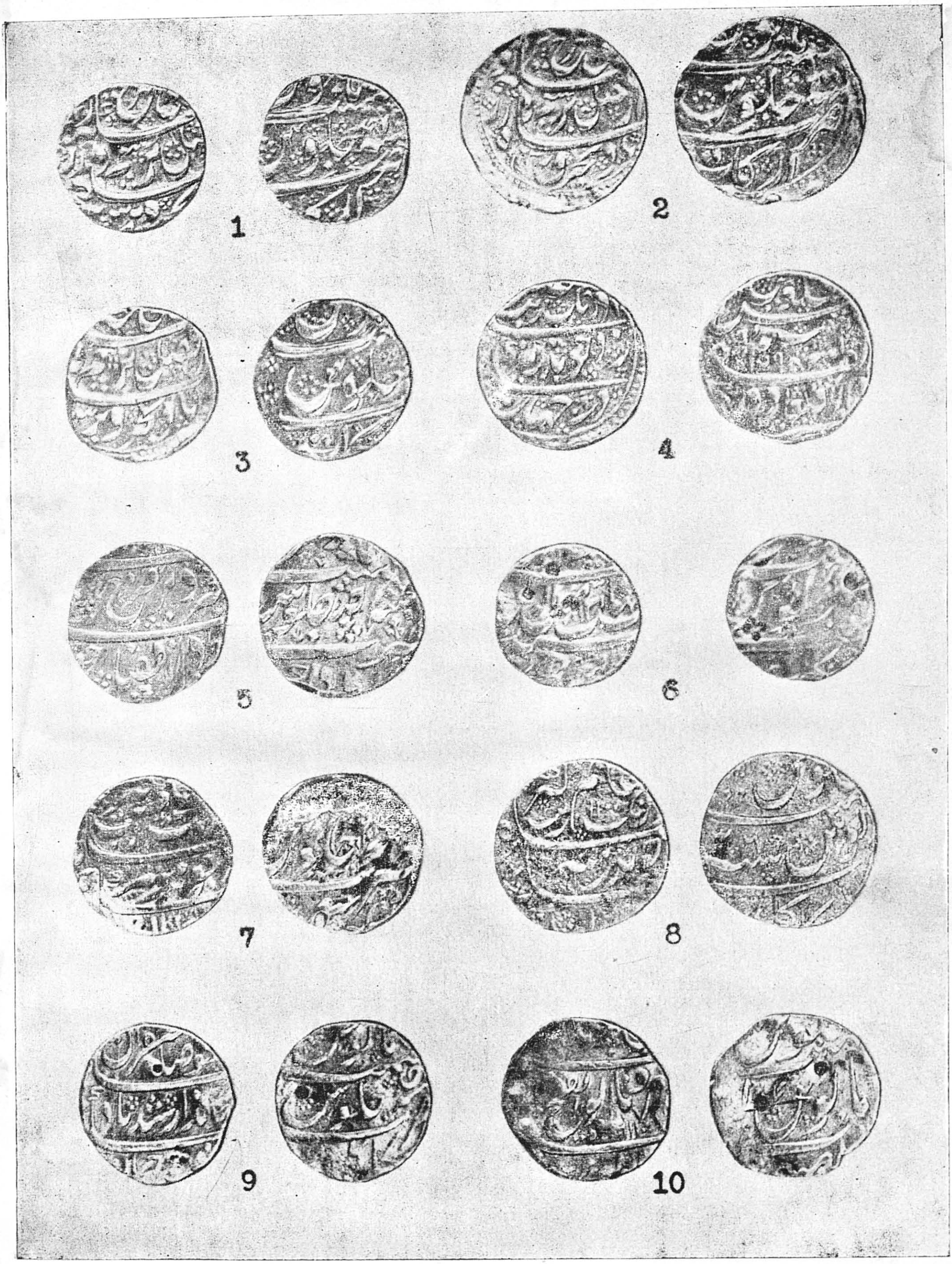
(10) Metal. Silver.
Size. .95″
Weight. 188 Grains.

Obverse.	*Reverse.*
دهر و ماه ابوالفتح	جلوس
۳٦۱۱	میمنت
	مانوس
	(ضر) ب
	ممبه

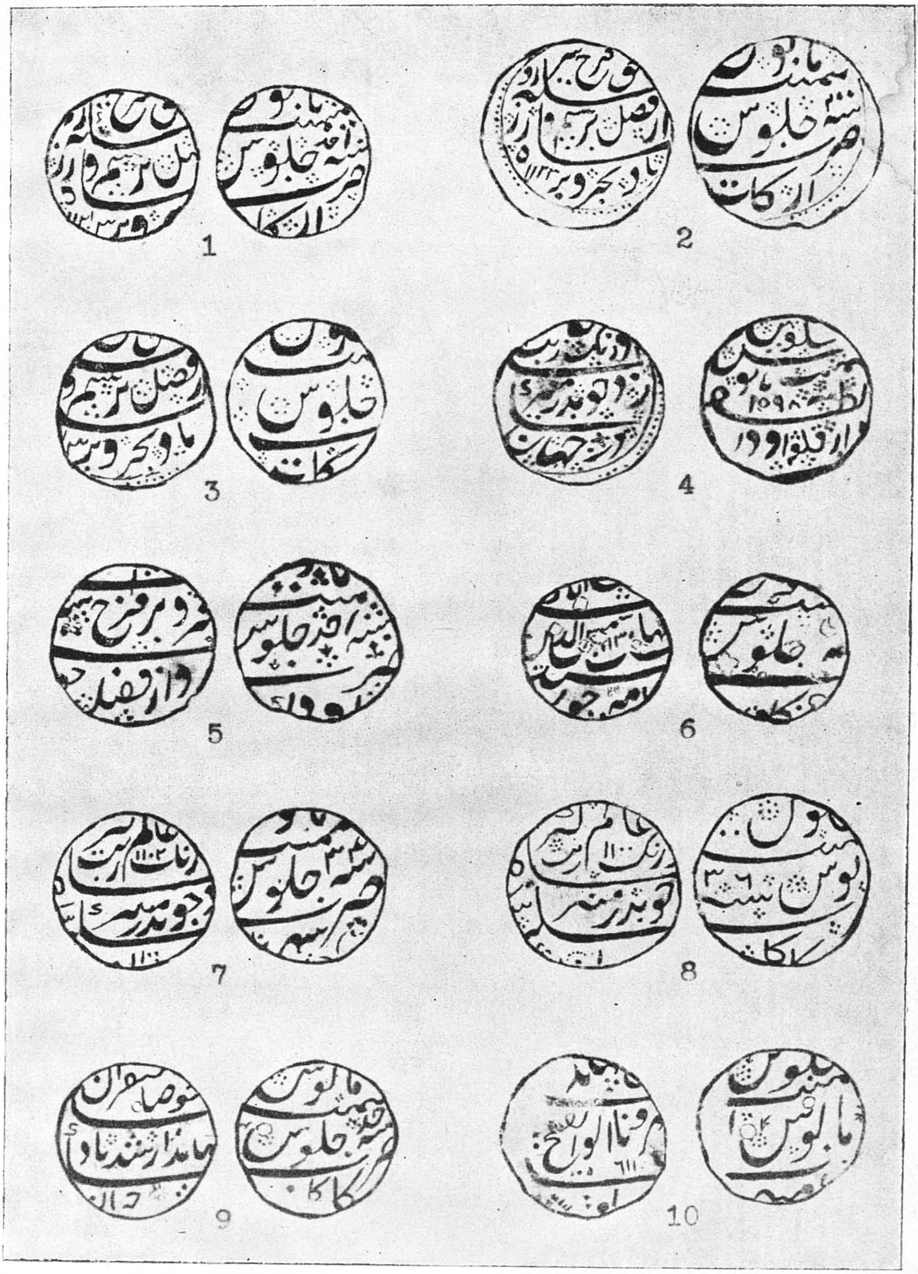
Pl. II and III, (No. 10).



Map of India showing Mughal Mint Towns (mentioned in this Brochure).



Some rare Coins in the State Museum, Hyderabad-Deccan.
(Photograph)



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